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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the specification to claim priority to the U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/010,948 filed on February 2, 1996.

Accordingly, the priority date of the present application is earlier than the apparent filing date of Gillipsie (U.S. Patent No. 5,627,054, filed on April 4, 1996). Withdrawal of Gillipsie as a prior art reference is therefore respectfully requested. Applicant further requests withdrawal of the outstanding rejection under 35 USC §103 based on the Gillipsie patent.

It is believed that the present amendment to the specification introduces no new matter.

Consideration and entry of the previous amendment and response filed under 37 CFR §1.116 on September 30, 1998 is requested.

Applicant will send under separate cover an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney claiming priority to the earlier filed U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/010,948.

It is believed that no fee for an extension of time is required to consider the present CPA or its attachments as these are being filed on December 7, 1998, the due date being two months from filing a Notice of Appeal (Saturday, December 5, 1998).

Although it is believed that no additional fee is required to consider this submisstion, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees to deposit account number 04-0010.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the amendments and/or remarks made

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herein, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to do so.

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